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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

(Rationalised Report according to the Notice of the President of the EPO published in the OJ11/2001)


Applicant's or agent's file reference 1783wo-ag	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/FI03/00018	International filing date (day/month/year) 10/01/2003	Priority date (day/month/year) 06/02/2002
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC B63H25/42		
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.
- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consists of a total of _____ sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn up on the basis of *(Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.)*

☒ the international application as originally filed

☐ the description, pages

, as originally filed

pages

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☐ the claims, Nos.

, as originally filed

Nos.

, as amended under Article 19

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2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages:

☐ the claims, Nos.

☐ the drawings, sheets / fig.

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2 (c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive Step	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial Applicability	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and Explanations

The closest prior art is exemplified in the description by WO 01/54971 and delimited by the two-part form of claim 1.

Object of the invention is to propose a steering which allows for improved utilization of cargo space.

The solution is given by the features of the characterising part of claim 1.

There is no suggestion in the prior art as to the proposed solution.

The document quoted in the search report (JP 9142391) gives no indication whatsoever as to the relative distribution of the shaft output of the steering propulsion device with respect to the main propulsion device.